


New Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning projects coming to McHenry County

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The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning has approved 34 new projects to improve local municipalities – and a few of them are coming to McHenry County.

Supported by CMAP's Local Technical Assistance program, CMAP's projects aim to help local governments, nonprofits and intergovernmental collaborators address problems at the intersections of transportation, land use and quality of life, according to a news release from the agency.

In Algonquin and McHenry, CMAP will help develop a regional bicycle and pedestrian program to be named the regional mobility program for both recreational and commuter bicyclists. The program primarily will consist of strategies to expand Aurora's bike share program throughout the region, the release stated.

CMAP also will help develop a shared service plan for the McHenry County Council of Governments in a bid to streamline intergovernmental communication and expand services for residents.

The plan will focus on pooling transportation resources and creating collaborations between inspectors, police, fire departments and others.

“We are excited to work with a new group of municipalities, partners and stakeholders to fulfill local and regional goals of improving quality of life and economic prosperity for all,” CMAP Executive Director Joseph Szabo said in a statement.